

**NN/LM MAR Regional Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes – December 8, 2014**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<b>ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN</b>
Call to order and introductions	Meeting began at 12:00 PM with attendee introductions	
Attendees	<p>MAR staff: Renae Barger, Barbara Epstein, Michelle Burda, Lydia Collins (absent), Kate Flewelling, Missy Harvey</p> <p>Representatives from the 4 MLA chapters in MAR Region: Donna Berryman (absent) representing UNYOC; Jenny Pierce representing MLA-Phil; Roberta Fitzpatrick representing NY/NJ; Melissa Ratajeski representing MAC-MLA</p> <p>At large representatives: Joanne Muellenbach, Neil Rambo</p> <p>Special Advisory Group chairs: Tami Hartzell, Cynthia Robinson (absent); Jeff Garvey, Ophelia Morey (absent)</p>	
NN/LM Request for Information	<p>A synopsis of the NN/LM RFI was provided from NLM and reviewed with RAC members - Purpose: Seek input from current and potential user communities to maximize NN/LM effectiveness and efficiency</p> <p>Open from May 12, 2014 – June 26, 2014</p> <p>48 comments received, &gt;130 pages</p> <p>Many from current/former RML staff</p>	
Next Round of MAR Funding	<p>The next round of funding is to be announced next week. The discussion focused on the types of awards, how many we can fund due to flat budget and encouragement for RAC members to consider applying and/or encourage strong partners to apply to meet MAR and NN/LM goals.</p> <p>The group was briefed on the new MAR/OERC webinar series and the Grants and Proposal Writing CE being held in conjunction with MAR award applications.</p>	
Meeting/Event Updates	The group was briefed on the outcome of the Sept. 19 Resource Library	

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	<p>Directors' and Resource and Academic SAG meeting and the Nov. 4 PA Disaster Summit - \$20,000 is being directed for 7 public libraries to do small outreach projects.</p> <p>Michelle and Tami briefed the group on the mentorship program being directed by the Hospital SAG. They are proceeding to develop guidelines/goals/contract; identify mentors/mentees/1-year commitment; and budget for MAR to provide professional development to support.</p> <p>An update on the Affordable Care Act Symposium: Libraries in Action (Title TBD) took place. It will be held April 24, 2015 in Philadelphia and MAR will provide travel stipends for librarians and network members to attend.</p>	
Special Advisory Group Updates/RAC discussion	<p>SAG chairs and MAR coordinators provided updates from their quarterly meetings. Individual SAG reports have been posted to the MAR website.</p> <p>SAG groups started assessing feedback for NN/LM goals in year 5 of the contract as well as in anticipation of the next contract. Feedback on the following goals was summarized from each group and RAC members added feedback:</p> <p>What are the biggest challenges facing your libraries or organizations? What NN/LM programs could assist with these challenges?</p> <p>What types of NN/LM programs would support or improve the sharing, use or transfer of health information within your institution?</p> <p>What types of NN/LM programs would assist you in promoting evidence based health information in your institution?</p>	<p>See full committee reports on MAR website: <a href="#">Link to SAG reports</a></p> <p>MAR to consider a working finding aid whereby resources from each state are listed as a reference point for unaffiliated health professionals and the public. Some things are funded at the state level but this may not be know by those in need. This would serve as a reference point for MAR staff as we meet w/ unaffiliated professionals.</p>
MLA Chapter Updates	<p>MLA chapter representatives gave brief updates of chapter activities:</p> <p>Donna Berryman (UNYOC Rep) – Absent</p> <p>Roberta Bronson Fitzpatrick (NY/NJ Rep) – NY/NJ chapter had a joint meeting with BQSI-MB on Oct. 24. They had inspirational talks about partnerships. NY/NJ 2016 meeting will be a joint meeting with Phil and MAC.</p> <p>Jenny Pierce (MLA-Phil Rep)</p>	<p>Check out lightning talk from partnership panel from NY/NJ chapter (Roberta mentioned they were inspirational and Nancy Glassman (Einstein) talked about partnerships w/ unaffiliated.</p> <p>Chapters offered to send out any feedback solicitations.</p>

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	<p>MLA-Phil is planning a spring meeting in collaboration with HSLANJ.</p> <p>Melissa Ratajeski (MAC-MLA Rep) – annual meeting was in October. They are trying to increase AHIP membership.</p>	<p>Chapters were reminded to apply for MAR professional development award.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be held virtually and scheduled for Feb 2015.</p>	<p>RAC members are encouraged to use the RAC listserv to send topics of discussion/suggestions/comments/etc prior to the Feb meeting.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM</p>	

